

Jenks, to the current president Dr. M. Roy Wilson, Wayne State University is the embodiment of public service and access to education. Under the direction of Dr. Wilson, Wayne State University has dramatically increased its overall six-year graduation rate, with African American graduation rates double what they were just a few years ago. Today, Wayne State University attracts, and is composed of, many of the best and brightest students and researchers, with an excellent team of administration, faculty, and staff professionals. They remain firmly rooted in the community while preparing their diverse student body to impact locally and globally making the university a thriving hub of innovation and academia.

Wayne State University has also cemented its status as a leading research institution and a champion for women and children in our nation. In fact, Wayne State University is the only site outside of Bethesda, Maryland, that houses a branch of the National Institutes of Health. Thanks to the Perinatology Research Branch, over 20,000 women, children, and families have received access to world-class prenatal health care that they might not have otherwise been able to access.

Through the Integrative Biosciences Center (IBio), the University is reimagining the way science approaches urban health issues. IBio was named the 2017 Renovated Laboratory of the Year by R&D Magazine and Laboratory Design. This 127,000-square-foot, \$90 million facility is dedicated to studying and eliminating the many health disparities that plague residents of Detroit and communities across the country. IBio includes faculty with expertise in environmental sciences, bio and systems engineering, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and bio-behavioral health. Opened this fall, the Mike Ilitch School of Business, further expands the Wayne State campus into The District Detroit while adding academic programs in the business of sports and entertainment.

The mission of Wayne State University is to create and advance knowledge, prepare a diverse student body to thrive, and positively impact local and global communities. I congratulate and thank Wayne State University's student body, Board of Governors, President M. Roy Wilson, faculty and administrators for living out the passion and principle of their mission statement. Reaching their 150th anniversary is a milestone, and I eagerly look forward to what the University accomplishes in its next 150 years.

Wayne State University has been, is and will always be Warrior Strong.

#### HONORING BRAD BYLER

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brad Byler. Brad is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1692, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brad has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the

many years Brad has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Brad has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brad for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SACRAMENTO GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

#### HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sacramento Groundwater Authority on celebrating their 20th anniversary and their continued commitment to managing water resources in the Sacramento region.

The Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA) was formed in 1998 to manage the groundwater basin located north of the American River and is made up of the major water agencies and water users in the region. One of the first groundwater management agencies of its kind, SGA's work has been instrumental to implementing the Water Forum Agreement of 2000 which aims to provide a reliable and safe water supply for Sacramento through 2030. SGA is committed to balancing the use of groundwater and surface water to meet regional needs, while reducing water diversions from the American River to protect the natural resources of the Sacramento community during times of dry water years.

Over the last 20 years, SGA has coordinated with other authorities in the region to protect groundwater quality. Their achievements include developing and implementing a Groundwater Management Plan, and creating the Water Accounting Framework, which developed conjunctive use and groundwater banking programs that enhance the sustainability of the basin.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the Sacramento Groundwater Authority for the great service it provides to Sacramento County and the State of California as they celebrate 20 years of operation. I wish them well in their continued efforts to provide quality water resource management for our region.

#### RECOGNIZING JAMES MALONEY

#### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an educator in Bucks County, Pennsylvania who recently became a finalist in a national education grant contest.

James Maloney, a teacher at Neshaminy High School in Langhorne, becomes one step closer to the \$100,000 education grant that is sponsored to fund meaningful projects in local schools and communities. If selected, James plans on creating a "living classroom" that en-

ables students to grow plants and cultivate produce. This is particularly beneficial for food pantries, which will benefit from the vegetables grown. It will also serve as a hands-on learning experience for students with special needs to gain valuable life skills.

I applaud James for his dedication to his students and our community. I wish him all the best in his quest for this important grant.

#### HONORING SALINA EDWARDS WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Salina Edwards as a woman of the year. She is an unflinchingly energetic and optimistic advocate for her community. A reliable source of determination and persistence, Ms. Edwards has always made it a priority to better the lives of those around her by asking the tough questions and delving into the minutia of an issue before determining the best possible course for the citizens she serves. After a distinguished fourteen-year career with the Glenn County Superior Court, she still had a desire to serve and decided to run for office. In addition to her role as Councilwoman, her wide range of duties and responsibilities for the city include the Waste Management Board, the Glenn County Local Agency Formation Commission, the Orland Library Commission, the Glenn County Transportation Committee, and the Glenn County Regional Transportation Committee. Ms. Edwards is a caring and mindful public servant devoted to every aspect of her community, when she isn't focused on fulfilling her duties as a Councilwoman, she can be found pitching in for the Orland Bee City Committee and the Orland Queen Bee City of North America. Her unfailing enthusiasm and dedicated spirit make her a highly visible presence in the community, whether volunteering for local Kiwanis club events or pitching in at the Orland Food Pantry. Ms. Edwards is devoted community servant whose positive impact cannot be overstated.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARILYN AND GENE MULKINS

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 16, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Marilyn and Gene Mulkins of Clarinda, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 14, 2018.

Marilyn and Gene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them